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Quarterly Milk Production

Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 50.4 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.20 million head, 79,000 head more than the same period last year.

Nevada's milk production for the quarter totaled 163 million pounds, an increase of 6 percent from April – June last year. The average number of milks on farms rose to 29,000 head from 28,000 head a year earlier.

July Weather Summary

The month of July was fairly warm across the State. Most weather stations recorded monthly average temperatures above normal. Only two stations were about 1 degree below normal. Las Vegas recorded the high of 111 degrees, Winnemucca and Reno also hit 100 degrees. Winnemucca also had the lowest temperature of the month at 40 degrees. Thunderstorms and precipitation were scattered. Reno only recorded a trace amount of precipitation. Far short of last month's high. Ely recorded the most with 1.50 inches. Pasture and range conditions are mostly in good to excellent condition. Hay producers finished the first cutting and started the second cutting. Range livestock were foraging seasonal pastures and ranges. The main farm and ranch activities were irrigating, haying, weed and insect control, and equipment maintenance.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: July 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	75.4	+4.1	100	52	Trace	-0.24	Trace
Elko	71.8	+2.7	98	45	0.10	-0.20	0.10
Ely	68.3	+0.9	96	42	1.50	+0.90	0.63
Winnemucca	71.2	-0.8	100	40	0.11	-0.16	0.11
Eureka	70.3	+4.0	99	42	0.53	-0.01	0.46
Tonopah	73.1	-1.1	99	45	0.64	+0.13	0.28
Las Vegas	91.6	+0.4	111	74	0.83	+0.39	0.74

Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for July were up for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$195.00 per ton, is up \$22.00 from June and up \$85.00 from last July. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$198.00 per ton, up \$23.00 from June and up \$88.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$156.00 per ton, is up \$21.00 from June and up \$51.00 from a year ago.

United States: On the national level for July, prices were up from June for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$170.00 per ton, is up \$7.00 from June and up \$58.00 from last July. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$189.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$119.00 per ton. June hay prices for the U.S. were \$163.00 for all hay, \$180.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$113.00 for all other hay.

Summer Vegetable Forecast

U.S. Fresh Vegetable Harvested Area Up 1 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the summer quarter is forecast to be 269,300 acres, up 1 percent from last year. Acreage increases in carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, and head lettuce more than offset acreage declines in snap beans, cabbage, celery, bell peppers, and tomatoes. Broccoli and cucumber area remains unchanged.

Area forecast for melon harvest is 84,700 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Cantaloupe area is forecast at 25,800 acres, 9 percent below 2010. Honeydew area, at 7,700 acres, is down 11 percent from last year. Watermelon area, at 51,200 acres, is down 6 percent from a year ago. Strawberry production in the United States is forecast at 27.7 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 49,800 acres, is up 1 percent from 2010. Strawberry yield is forecast at 556 cwt per acre, down 12 cwt from 2010.

Onion Harvested Area Up 3 Percent

The Nation's onion growers expect to harvest 153,160 acres in 2011, up 3 percent from last year. Spring onion growers harvested 29,200 acres, up 13 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 18,000 acres, down 4 percent from a year ago. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 105,960 acres in 2011, up 1 percent from last season.

Nevada onions are classified as Summer, non-storage onions. Nevada growers planted an estimated 3,500 acres to onions this year, 200 acres fewer than last year. Average yield is forecast at 740 hundredweight (cwt) per acre, compared with 700 cwt per acre last year. Year over year production is forecast to be unchanged.

Processed Vegetable Contracted Area Down 8 Percent

Vegetable processors have contracted 1.02 million acres to be planted to the 5 major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes). This is down 8 percent from last year. Reported acreage declined for all 5 major processed vegetable crops. Contracted green pea acreage at 162,300 is down 13 percent. Green pea contracted production forecast, at 302,090 tons, is down 16 percent from 2010. Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.8 million tons, up 1 percent from 2010.

July 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

- * Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010.
- * Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

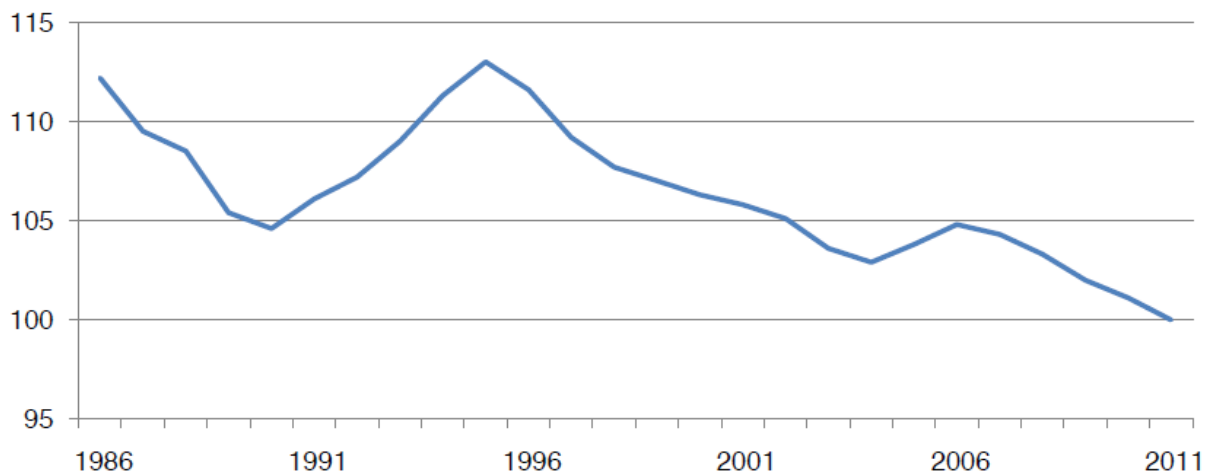
Other class estimates on July 1, 2011 and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- * All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down 1 percent.
 - * Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, down 5 percent.
 - * Milk replacement heifers, 4.2 million, up 4 percent.
 - * Other heifers, 7.6 million, down 2 percent.
 - * Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 1 percent.
 - * Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 5 percent.
 - * Calves under 500 pounds, 27.2 million, down 1 percent.
- * All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.2 million, up 3 percent.

The 2011 calf crop is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010.

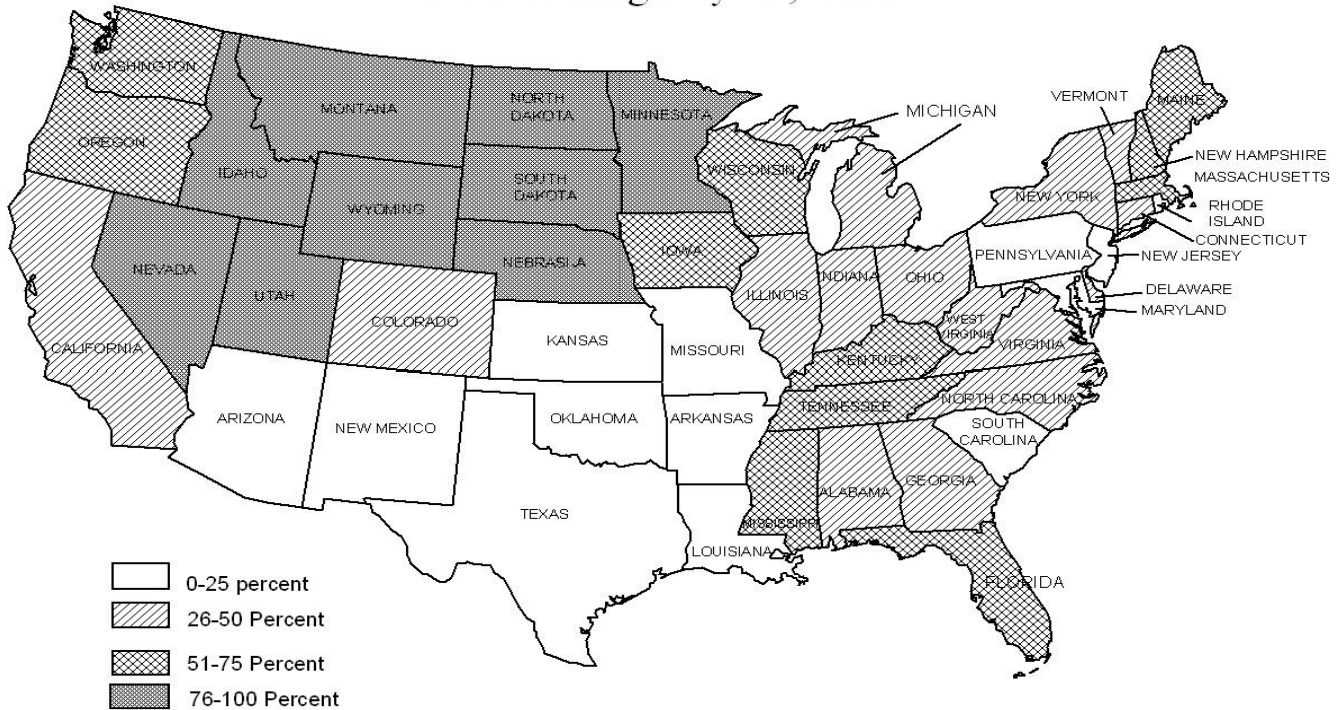
Cattle Inventory – United States: July 1

Million head



Pasture and Range

Pasture and Range Crop Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better
Week Ending July 31, 2011



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